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Engineers Build New Army Barracks in Muthanna Province

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AN NASIRIYAH, Iraq -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Gulf Region South (GRS) district continues supporting the security and justice systems in Iraq to help the Government of Iraq develop infrastructure countrywide with the construction of a new barracks facility for the Iraqi Army.

The Gulf Region South district is building Army Barracks facilities for the 2nd Brigade, 10th Iraqi Division, located near Al Samawah, Muthanna province, according to Army Lt. Col. Jan Carter, Senior Project Manager with the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I), GRS.

"The main goal of this project is to develop, organize and sustain the [Iraqi Security Forces](#) and the [military of Iraq](#)," Carter said. "The mission of the Iraqi Army now is to defeat the [insurgency](#) and take responsibility for maintaining security within Iraq - and they can't do this without having good reconstructed buildings for their headquarters.

"We in the Corps are trying to make sure that our professional engineering ex-

perience is used for the benefit of the Iraqi community," she said. "We are sure that we understand the requirements, and we are able to provide the best quality of construction available to support the Iraqi goals and objectives."

According to Carter, the project will help to provide employment for security personnel, medical personnel and support staff. It will also improve the quality of army barracks facilities south of Iraq.

"The Gulf Region South district is trying to deliver the project on time, within scope and budget in a safe, secure manner. Another focus is to assure quality design, workmanship, materials and product; and to maintain a courteous, professional working relationship between Iraqi Army leaders and the representatives on the work site and the GRS," she said.

Hadi Jasim, a project engineer, GRS, said "when this project is completed, it will provide a secure forward operating station, improve stability operations, governing and safety, and achieve security transition."

GRS has built 404 projects for security and justice facilities in southern Iraq. These projects include firehouses, court-houses, prisons and jails, police stations, border posts, vehicle control points, barracks, and Iraq military bases.

Jasim explained the barracks camp was constructed for use by the Iraqi Army. "With the establishment of the 10th Iraqi Division, this camp was selected to house the brigade headquarters and support units.

"Several additions have been made to the camp during construction, barracks, bathhouses, armories, jail cells, sleeping quarters, administrative and support buildings," he said. "However, the original public works support facilities have been expanded to provide for additional camp use and activities."

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